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DDI-1269-74

25 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DCI

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Termination of Acting NIO Function

1. This is to advise that I can no longer function as Acting China NIO and am requesting the Office of Personnel to terminate my status as a "reemployment annuitant" effective 10 May 1974.

2. When I agreed to serve as Acting NIO for China and for [REDACTED] it was with the expectation that these posts would be filled within a month or two and with your understanding that I was contracting concurrently to serve as a [REDACTED]. Now that a highly qualified [REDACTED] has been recruited (with my assistance), I feel that my presence is far less important from your point of view. From my point of view, I find I must devote more time and energy to other pursuits and I also find that the potential for a conflict of interest situation is such that I am no longer willing to risk the damage to my professional reputation which results from misinterpretation and rumors in the corridors concerning my activity and status.

3. My interest in the national security and the welfare of the Agency remains and I intend to submit to you in a separate memorandum some observations and suggestions relative to the state of knowledge (and lack thereof) on China and Sino-Soviet matters, matters to which I have paid a good deal of attention these past few months and in previous years. If you or the D/DCI/NIO have further interest in occasional assistance, I would, of course, be willing to function in the conventional "consultant" capacity.

cc: D/DCI/NIO
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Deputy General Counsel
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